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Warm greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this fortnightly digest from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* (IJME).

Newsletter Spotlight 1

Rajasthan's Right to Health Act

The Right to Health Act passed by the Rajasthan Assembly on March 28, 2023, allows any resident of Rajasthan the right to avail free out-patient or in-patient services at all public health facilities and select private facilities. Doctors from private hospitals went on a strike demanding the withdrawal of the bill over the concern that the bill will increase bureaucratic interference in the working of the private hospitals.

We bring to you select news articles on this welcome development.

[The right and wrong of Right to Health](#) | Sanjay Nagral | Hindustan Times | April 10, 2023

[Jan Swasthya Abhiyan welcomes Rajasthan Right to Health Act](#) | HealthWorld.com | April 3, 2023

[JSA Urges Raj Govt to Make Clarifications in Health Bill to Ensure Effective Implementation](#) |

News Click | April 3, 2023

[Why are Rajasthan docs opposing the state's Right to Health Bill?](#) | Rema Nagarajan | Times of India | March 31, 2023

[राजस्थान सरकारचा 'आरोग्य हक्क कायदा' आणि त्याचे सामान्य नागरिकांच्या जीवनातील महत्व](#) | डॉ. अभय शुक्ला | आरोग्य 'साथी'

Newsletter Spotlight 2

The rise of AI tools in research

ChatGPT, an OpenAI chatbot, is developed and trained using large amount of textual data from the internet. ChatGPT is able to write essays, codes, draft emails, etc given a short text prompt. It is also used by researchers/authors to generate scientific texts and write research papers by accurately using large amount of data from published scientific articles and medical reports.

We bring to you select pieces from the popular press and academic spaces discussing complexities involved and ethical matters relating to introduction and use of ChatGPT in the coming times, especially in research and publication domains.

[Can AI-Based Tools Like ChatGPT Function as Moral Agents?](#) | Hreem Mahadeshwar and Hansika Kapoor | The Wire | April 15, 2023

[ChatGPT Just Makes Stuff Up: A Conversation on a Controversial Topic](#) | Jon F Merz | The Hasting Center | April 4, 2023

[Opportunities and risks of ChatGPT in medicine, science, and academic publishing: a modern Promethean dilemma](#) | Jan Homolak | Croat Med J | February 28, 2023

[The future of medical education and research: Is ChatGPT a blessing or blight in disguise?](#) | Taha Bin Arif, Uzair Munaf, Ibtehaj UI-Haque | Med Educ Online | February 21, 2023

[चॅट जीपीटी आणि नैतिकता](#) | Shubhada Nagarkar | Maharashtra Times | February 16, 2023

[Chatbots, ChatGPT, and Scholarly Manuscripts – WAME Recommendations on ChatGPT and Chatbots in Relation to Scholarly Publications](#) | WAME | January 20, 2023

Online First from *IJME*

Gupta, H. (2023). [Solving crimes, balancing rights in police investigation](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, March 25, 2023

Kottai, S. Ramprakash R. (2023). [Evolving jurisprudence on conversion therapy: Reconsidering ethics in mental health systems](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, March 16, 2023

Sinha, N. (2023). [Global Mental Health Movement: Need for a cultural perspective](#). *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, March 18, 2023

Announcement from the local and global peer community

Forthcoming conferences and webinar

[The 10th International Congress on Peer Review and Scientific Publication](#) | JAMA Network, BMJ, METRICS | Swissôtel, Chicago | September 3-5, 2025

[The 17th World Congress of Bioethics](#) | | International Association of Bioethics | June 3-6, 2024 | Doha, Qatar

[Artificial Intelligence and the Rise of Digital Repression](#) | AAAS | April 20, 2023 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

[COVID Consequences – Next Steps in Ethics, policy & Public Health](#) | University of Minnesota | April 19, 2023 | 12:00 to 1:30 pm (Central)

Concluded conferences and webinar

[How Informed is Informed Refusal?](#) | Nathan Robert Howard, Eric Mathison | Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto

[Approaches to Justice and Equity-Focused Energy and Climate Change Research](#) | National Academies

[Working in Forensic Medicine: Walking in a Woman's shoes](#) | Vina Vaswani | Samvaad – SCTIMST International Lecture Series

[QueerTWENTY – Dissecting Transgender Biases in Healthcare with Dr. Aqsa Shaikh](#) | legomonk

Publications (academic and popular press) on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes

Academic and popular press

[How push from survivors and an HIV support group led to a cheaper tuberculosis drug](#) |

Tabassum Barnagarwala | Scroll.in | April 17, 2023

[Supreme Court asks states, UTs to implement Centre's guidelines on 'unnecessary' hysterectomies](#) | The Tribune | April 5, 2023

[भारतीय शोधनिबंध आणि प्रभाव](#) | Shubhada Nagarkar | Sakal | April 4, 2023

[The need for access to anti-TB drugs in India: An interview with Anand Grover](#) | Sarah Thanawala | The Leaflet | April 1, 2023

[Victory over big pharma opens door to cheaper tuberculosis drugs](#) | Amrit Dhillon | The Guardian | March 29, 2023

[Why Does the Global Spyware Industry Continue to Thrive? Trends, Explanations, and Responses](#) | Steven Feldstein, Brian (Chun Hey) Kot | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace | March 14, 2023

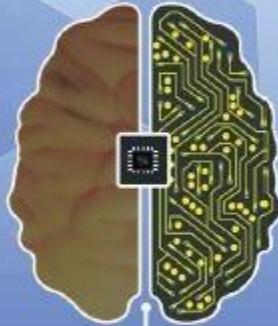
[लेख: रिसर्च पेपर्सचे कारखाने!](#) | Shubhada Nagarkar | Maharashtra Times | January 3, 2023

Reports and Guidelines



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DHR-ICMR AI CELL, NEW DELHI, INDIA

[Ethical Guidelines for Application of Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical Research and Healthcare](#) | DHR-ICMR Artificial Intelligence Cell | ICMR



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[Destruction and Devastation: One Year of Russia's Assault on Ukraine's Health Care System](#) | PHR, eyeWitness to Atrocities, Insecurity Insight, the Media Initiative for Human Rights, and the Ukrainian Healthcare Center | February 2023

Call for Applications

[Master of Health Research Ethics \(MOHRE\) Programme](#) | Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University (USA) and Universiti Malaya with the support of the Fogarty International Centre of the United States National Institutes of Health | Deadline: August 31, 2023.

[GFBR on 'Ethics of health research priority setting'](#) | The Global Forum on Bioethics in Research (GFBR) | Deadline: May 15, 2023 | 17.00 CET

[Develop responsible research innovation practices and market accessibility through stakeholder engagement](#) | Adelaide-ANU ARC Training Centre for Future Crops PhD Scholarships | Deadline: April 28, 2023

[Media Training to Increase Evidence Based Reporting on Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons \(TIP\) in India](#) | Journalism Centre on Global Trafficking (JCOGT) | Deadline: April 24, 2023

Call for submissions – Abstracts/Papers

[Global health inequities](#) | Bulletin of the World Health Organization | Deadline: July 1, 2023

Video / Podcast

[CSW67 virtual parallel event on Right to Care](#) | Oxfam International

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